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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A cosmetic hair_care agent either comprising one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives and eationic polymers or comprising one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives and nonionic, amphoteric and/or anionic polymers polymers selected from the group consisting of cationic polymers and nonionic, amphoteric, or anionic polymers.

- 2. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives used are include a hydroxypropylated starch phosphate esters.
- 3. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in any of the preceding elaims-claim 1, characterized in that wherein the one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives used are include a hydroxypropyl distarch phosphates (CAS number 113894 92-1).
- 4. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in-any of the preceding elaims claim 1, eharacterized in that wherein the cationic polymers used are are selected from the group consisting of polymeric quaternized ammonium salts of hydroxyethylcellulose which has been modified with a trimethylammonium-substituted epoxide, depolymerized and subsequently quaternized guar gum derivatives, and/or quaternized guar derivatives.
- 5. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in-any of the preceding elaims claim 1, characterized in that wherein the cationic polymers chosen are include at least one from the group of cationic cellulose derivatives.
- 6. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in-any of the preceding elaims claim 1, characterized in that the wherein the nonionic, amphoteric, and/or anionic

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polymers used are are selected from the group consisting of PVP/VA copolymers, anionic acrylate copolymers, and/or amphoteric amide/acrylate/methacrylate copolymers.

- 7. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in any of the preceding elaims claim 6, characterized in that wherein the nonionic, amphoteric, and/or anionic polymers chosen are include at least one from the group of PVP/VA copolymers.
- 8. (Currently amended) The hair cleanser or the use as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the nonionic, amphoteric and/or anionic surfactants used are The hair care agent as claimed in claim 1, further comprising one or more surfactants, wherein the surfactants are selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated and sulfated fatty alcohols having 126 to 1422 carbon atoms and/or alkylamidopropylbetaine, particularly preferably sodium myristyl ether sulfate, sodium lauryl ether sulfate, cocoamidoproylbetaine, disodium PEG-5 lauryl citrate sulfosuccinate and sodium cocoamphoacetate.
- 9. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in-at least one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterized in that wherein the total content of polymers is 0.1 to 3% by weight, particularly preferably 0.2 to 1.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation haircare agent.
- 10. (Currently amended) The hair_care agent as claimed in any of the preceding elaims claim 1, eharacterized in that further comprising one or more additional components selected from the group consisting of surfactants, and/or cosmetic or dermatological auxiliaries, additives, and/or active ingredients are additionally present.
- 11. (New) The hair care agent as claimed in claim 8, wherein the one or more surfactants are selected from the group consisting of sodium myristyl ether sulfate, sodium lauryl ether sulfate, cocoamidoproylbetaine, disodium PEG-5 lauryl citrate sulfosuccinate, and sodium cocoamphoacetate.

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12. (New) The hair care agent as claimed in claim 9, wherein the total content of polymers is 0.2 to 1.5% by weight based on the total weight of the haircare agent.

- 13. (New) The hair care agent as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content of pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives is 20 to 99.9% by weight based on the total content of polymers.
- 14. (New) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising a hair care agent as claimed in claim 1.
- 15. (New) A cosmetic hair care agent comprising one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives and one or more polymeric materials selected from the group consisting of:

quaternized ammonium salts of hydroxyethylcellulose which is modified with a trimethylammonium-substituted epoxide;

depolymerized guar gum derivatives which have been quaternized; quaternized guar gum derivatives; nonionic PVP/VA copolymers; anionic acrylate copolymers; and amphoteric amide/acrylate/methacrylate copolymers.

- 16. (New) The hair care agent as claimed in claim 15, wherein the one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives include a hydroxypropylated starch phosphate ester.
- 17. (New) The hair care agent as claimed in claim 16, wherein the one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives include hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate.